

AL-V-B-084  
Wisler House  
Humbird Street, Ellerslie  
Ca. 1896

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wisler House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Humbird Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellerslie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ellis B. Wisler Sr. &amp; Magurite A. Wisler

Telephone #: 722-6614

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P.O. Box 25

CITY, TOWN

Ellerslie

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 210

Folio #: 468

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Wisler House is located on the south side of Humbird Street Ellerslie, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two and one-half story, four bay wide, "L" shaped structure. Wall construction is of novelty siding. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low concrete foundation with a beveled water table. The roof of the house is both gable front and gable flank. It is covered with asphalt shingles; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit. Under the gables are windows that are four sash with mullion. Windows in the house are nailed, double hung, wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights. All exterior windows feature a decorative pediment. There are two brick chimneys in the house, both original, exterior with corbeled caps. The main entrance is on the north side, with five paneled, verticle boards door with transom. The house contains two porches. The four bay wide back porch has ashed roof supported by five wooden posts. The three bay front porch has a hip roof with boxed cornice and features four square wooden posts with scrolls and brackets with ornamental pendants. A special feature of the house is a very ornate bay window with hip roof, box cornice, located on north facade.

The house is structurally sound and retains most of its original appearance.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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### SPECIFIC DATES

Ca. 1896

### BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wisler House is a good example of local late nineteenth century architecture. It was built in Ellerslie around 1896, when that town served as an important railroad center. A firebrick manufacturing establishment also employing many men of Ellerslie was at the height of its production when the Wisler House was built. <sup>1</sup>.

The house retains its original "L" shape and the walls of novelty siding, which were first used late in the nineteenth century, retain their original appearance. The gables of this house are located on both the front and flank. The eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit. The two brick chimneys have corbeled caps and are original.

The Wisler House features such things as the windows located under the gables which are four sashed with mullion. All windows of the house are trimmed with a decorative pediment. The four wooden posts supporting the front porch are decorated with scrolls and brackets with ornamental pendants. The most outstanding feature of the Wisler House is a very ornate bay window with decorative brackets, box cornice, and a hip roof.

This house is in structurally good shape and retains its original appearance. It is a monument recalling the prosperity and cultural awareness of the residents of smaller towns in Allegany County.

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1. Harry Stegamier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va. McClain Printing Co., 1976) p. 210-11

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Stegmaier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History.

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Parsons, W.Va.:

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' x 125'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/15/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-R-084DATE: 6/15/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

210/468  
50' x 125'NAME OF PROPERTY: Wisler HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Humbird Street, EllerslieDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NorthNAME OF OWNER: Ellis B. Wisler and Marqurite A. Wisler 722-6614ADDRESS: P.O. 25  
Ellerslie, Maryland

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4(X) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "L" shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?) **Novelty**  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone ConcreteWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed(X) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(X)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
5 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip(X) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled(X) original(X) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(X)

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: ResidenceSIGNIFICANCE: ArchitectureDATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1896CONDITION: Good

# I N T E R I O R

## FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

## STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG WITH WINDLER

## WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

## FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
HARDWARE: original; replaced

## DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

## NOTES:

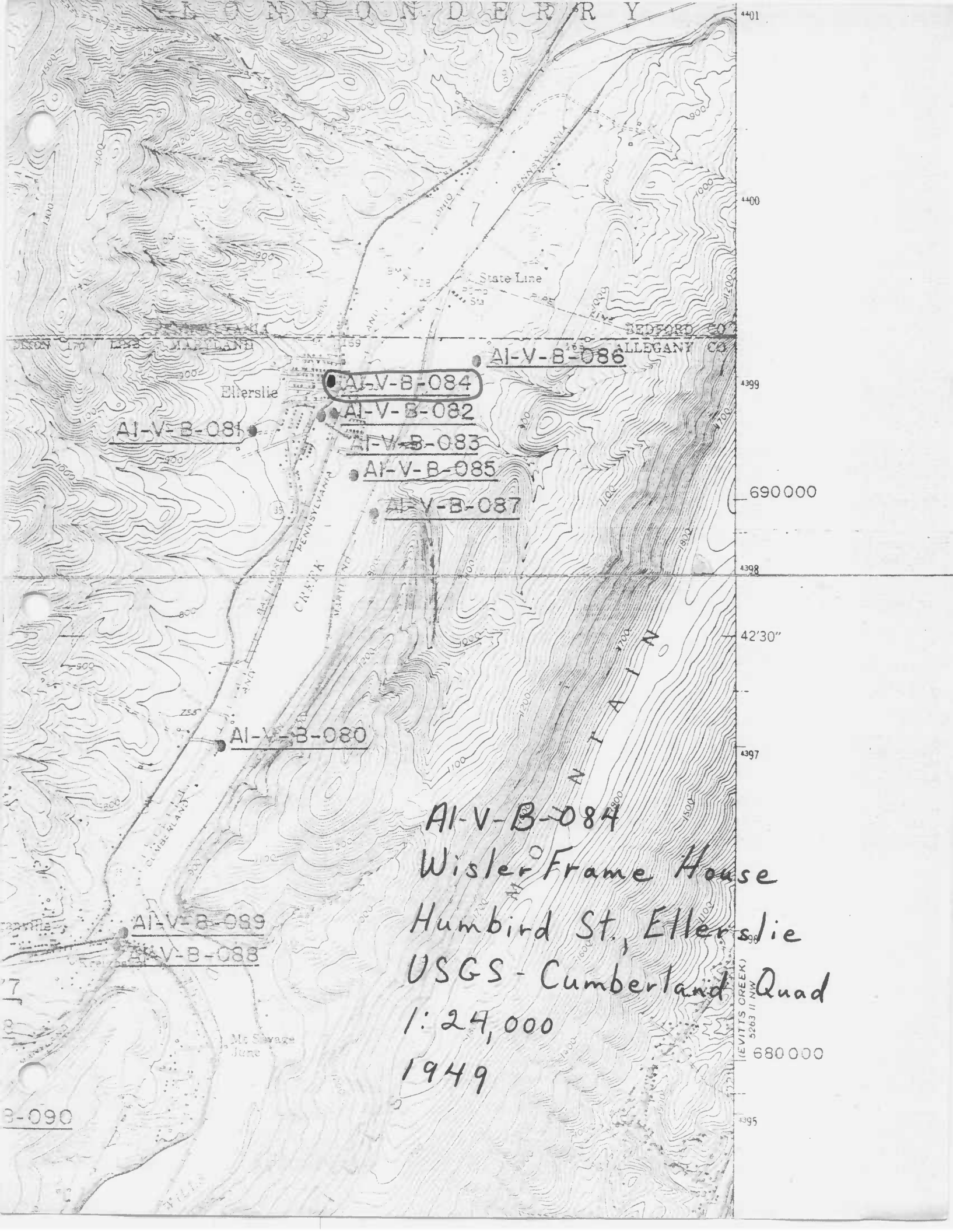
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Wisler Frame House  
Humbird St., Elferslie  
USGS - Cumberland Quad  
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1949

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Wisler Frame House

Humbird St., Ellerslie

John E. Nelson

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North



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Wisler Frame House

Humbird St., Ellerslie

John E. Nelson

6/15/77

South